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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c), which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of Provisional Application No(s). 60/433,608 and 60/433,593 filed on December 16, 2002.

Inventor(s): Stephen T. HAYES; Michael J. INGSON; Alfred F.

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For: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR COMMUNICATION AMONG DEVICES

Enclosed are:

M	A specification consisting of forty-three (43) pages
\boxtimes	Fifteen (15) sheet(s) of formal drawings
	Applicant does not claim priority
	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). filed in on . Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow.

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\boxtimes	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
\boxtimes	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
	Preliminary Amendment
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
	Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
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	Other:
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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

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